

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Ova Carter, a cherished resident of Ellsinore, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her Ninety-sixth Birthday with a special celebration on January 17, 2004, at the General Baptist Church in Ellsinore; and

Whereas, on January 15, 1908, God brought a special gift to Joe and Estella (Rose) Boyer with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ova, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Ova Carter will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage to Willie "W.E." Carter and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, God has blessed Ova Carter with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include five children, Virgie, Delmer "Del", Joseph (deceased), Lillie, and David (deceased); twelve grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven; sixteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Ova Carter has further distinguished herself by toiling as a farmer, serving as a clerk for Whites Mill Elementary School, being a charter member of the Ellsinore Pioneer Museum Board, and helping organize perpetual care and serving as Treasurer at Whites Mill Cemetery; and

Whereas, at the respectful age of 96, Ova Carter is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Ova Carter at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Ova Carter, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4307, adopted October 2, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker